

# RIVERSIDE MONTHLY



## Renovation and Expansion Begins on the Historic Arlington Library

*The Arlington Branch Library has been serving the community for almost 100 years. And it will continue to do so even during its renovation and expansion.*



The City of Riverside has awarded the \$4.2 million construction bid to Perera Construction and Design Inc. Construction will begin this month and will be completed by the end of 2007. Based on architectural drawings by Krohe Designs, the new Arlington Library will be 12,700 square feet, more than three times the size of the current facility.

The Arlington Library was designed in the classical revival style by Seeley L. Pillard in 1908 and later reinforced by architect G. Stanley Wilson in 1927. The original restored building will be linked to the new library addition,

representing both the newest and the oldest library building in Riverside County.

“Since the library is both a City Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the City is committed to complying with the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation to ensure

the design and construction of the project maintains the library’s history and integrity,” commented Councilmember Ed Adkison.

The Secretary’s Standards ensure that the historic fabric of the old building is preserved and that the design of the new wing is compatible with the historic structure.

The expansion will increase the collection to approximately 50,000 books, audio books, CDs and DVDs,

and 18 internet access computers for public use. The Arlington Library will have wireless access and a larger children’s area for expanded storytime programs.

Library service will continue in the original building while construction on the new wing is under way. Service will then shift to the new wing while the historic portion is renovated. Open hours at the Arlington Library are Monday thru Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday.

*For more information on the Arlington Library please call Charleen Swanson at (951) 689-6612. ■*

## Canyon Springs is Bubbling with Activity

Canyon Springs Parkway is the road that leads Riverside shoppers to one of the hottest retail areas in the City. Canyon Springs Marketplace has expanded to include retailers on both sides of the Parkway. It offers shoppers a variety of goods and services. Key retailers are Cost Plus World Market, Best Buy, Linens ‘N Things, Pier 1 Imports, Famous Footwear, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Marshalls, Target, and Old Navy is coming soon.

Canyon Crossings at Canyon Springs is currently under construction. Already open is Wickes Furniture, EasyLife Furniture, and LA Fitness. Future development calls for a new Wal-Mart Supercenter, Guitar Center, Staples, and a 50,000-square-foot John’s Incredible Pizza to name a few. So keep watching the development of this new edition unfold and keep shopping. ■

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## "Processing Power" for the People!



Soon computers will be made available for families of all income levels within the City of Riverside. The City is excited to announce the new *Digital Inclusion Program* and the new Project Support Analyst, Miguel Ramirez who will oversee the program, which consists of three different plans targeting different income and need levels.

The first plan under this new program is *COMP Riverside*. Currently, this program is a joint effort with Arrowhead Credit Union, the Riverside Public Library, and Jaguar Computers. This plan offers premium computers for students at an affordable price. For as little as \$19.00 a month, eligible students can get a new computer with technical support in English and Spanish.

The second plan is the *Dell/HP Program*. Dell and HP have committed to offering several package deals to all Riverside residents ranging from an inexpensive economical model to a more expensive premium model. Any resident from Riverside will be eligible for this program.

*Community Computer* is the third plan in this new program. This plan will distribute refurbished computers to eligible low-income residents. All those eligible for the plan will be required to complete a computer class at either a local city Community Center or Cybrary. The computers will have pre-installed software and be ready for use on the free wireless internet that will be available city-wide in approximately one year.

"Mr. Ramirez is not new to this kind of program, he used to run his own business acquiring used PCs from Boeing and refurbishing them to sell.

Miguel will create a model program that is already being considered by Intel's Digital Cities program as a best practice in the nation," stated Steve Reneker, Chief Information Officer.



Miguel Ramirez started with Affiliate Computer Services (ACS) on August 7, 2006, to handle the City's Digital Inclusion Program. ACS runs the City's Information Technology Department. Ramirez is a graduate from California State University at San Bernardino (CSUSB) and received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Computer Information Systems and a minor in Information Mapping Technology. He has many years of experience working in the Information Technology field.

*For more information about the Digital Inclusion Program, please contact Miguel Ramirez at (951) 826-5175 or email at [miramirez@riversideca.gov](mailto:miramirez@riversideca.gov).* ■

## New Riverside Metropolitan Museum Director Appointed



On July 24, 2006, City Manager Brad Hudson announced the appointment of Ennette Nusbaum as the new Director of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum. She had served as the Interim Museum Director since April 3, 2006.

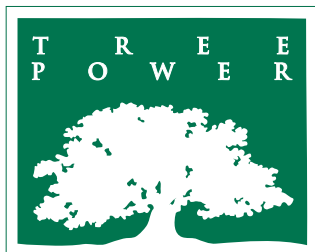
As the Museum Director, Nusbaum will oversee the operations and development of the downtown Metropolitan Museum and Heritage House exhibits, events, and activities as well as the management of the preservation efforts for the National Historical Landmark Harada House. The Metropolitan Museum has an annual budget of approximately \$2 million and a staff of 17.

"Ennette brings a great deal of energy and creativity to our museum," said Hudson. "She understands the Council's direction to create a first-class museum experience for City residents, and I'm confident that she'll meet this goal."

Prior to assuming her current role, Nusbaum served as the Communications Officer for the City as well as the

budget analyst for the Museum. Before joining the City, Nusbaum was Director of Marketing and Publicity for Soundelux Entertainment Group in Hollywood where she directed the marketing and publicity efforts of twelve divisions within the company, working closely on the completion of the Experience Music Project Museum in Seattle, Washington. As a public relations account executive at Rogers and Cowan, her clients included the Norton Simon Museum, Disney, Paramount Studios, Swatch, and other entertainment entities.

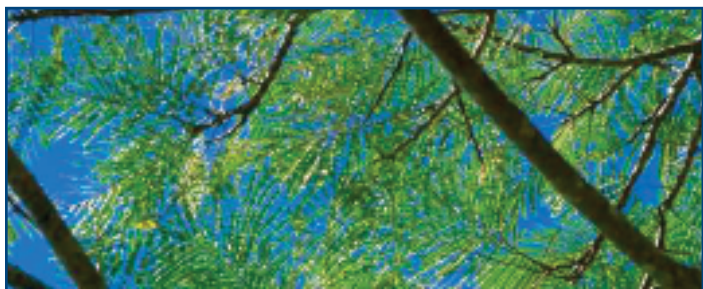
Nusbaum's experience and education speak for itself. Nusbaum holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cal Poly Pomona, an MBA from Pepperdine University, and is currently a Doctoral Candidate in Pepperdine University's Organizational Leadership program. ■



## Stay Cooler by Tapping into Tree Power!

Electric customers can beat back the summer heat and

save both money and energy by participating in the City of Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) Tree Power program. This Public benefit program offers residential customers a rebate for planting up to five shade trees per year in designated areas around their home.



During these record-breaking temperatures and high-energy demands, planting shade trees around your property can cut down on the energy used by air conditioners and save money on your summer electric bills. Besides energy savings, trees can reduce noise, provide privacy, spruce up the environment, clean the air, and help to prevent soil erosion.

As a Riverside resident, you can select from a variety of recommended trees such as Jacarandas, Silk Trees, and Pink Trumpets and reduce your cooling costs by as much as 20 percent. That's a pretty substantial amount of energy and money savings! For more information on

this program and to learn about the local participating nurseries and trees that qualify, call 826-5485 or visit [www.riversidepublicutilities.com](http://www.riversidepublicutilities.com) and click on "Tree Power" located under the "Residential Programs" section. Local businesses also qualify for these rebates. ■

## No Street Left Behind

The City of Riverside continues to move forward with street improvement projects. The widening of University Avenue between Eucalyptus Avenue and Ottawa Avenue will accommodate two traffic lanes and a bicycle lane in each direction upon completion. The project calls for a variety of changes and enhancements. The existing curb and gutter, sidewalks, and driveways will be replaced. Raised medians and parkways will be constructed and landscaped. The asphalt pavement will be rehabilitated, traffic signals will be modified, and street lights will be relocated.

Total construction of the project is expected to take approximately 14 weeks. During construction, two lanes in each direction of traffic will be maintained between the hours of 6:00 am and 7:30 pm. Construction requiring lane closure will be performed between the hours of 7:30 pm and 6:00 am. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained at all times.

Additionally, the following streets are also undergoing improvements:

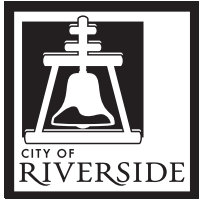
- Alessandro Boulevard
- Victoria Avenue
- La Sierra Avenue
- Van Buren Avenue
- Center Street



## Special Thanks to Key Sponsors of the READY-Set-Go Storymobile!

The City of Riverside recognizes the Junior League of Riverside as well as other library supporters who have provided a generous donation of \$10,000 to help put the READY-Set-Go Storymobile on the road to the children this fall. ■





Parks, Recreation and  
Community Services Department

# Riverside 2006 Mariachi Festival

With Mariachi Divas

**Cultural Activities, Ballet Folklorico, and a Children's Fun Zone**  
**featuring: Giant Slide, Rock Wall, Face Painter, Balloon Artist,**  
**Arts & Crafts (\$5 per person for unlimited play)**

**SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 16, 2006 • 4 - 9 p.m.**

**Entry Fee \$10, Children under 12 are FREE**

**(Gates open at 1 p.m.)**

Pre-ticket sales available at Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department facilities through Friday, Sept. 15. On-site ticket sales will be available.

Bring chairs or blankets for lawn seating. Food available for purchase.

No alcohol or barbeques allowed.

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